



**OUR LADY AND ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2022
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
SPECIAL DAY FOR LIFE**

MESSAGE FROM FR MICHAEL Today we celebrate the solemn feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist which is Christ's lasting gift to his Church to sustain us on our journey through life. May we grow in our love for Christ and strive to receive him as often as we can in the holy Eucharist.

Today is also a special day of prayer for life - a reminder to us to acknowledge that life comes from God and is worthy of respect from conception until natural death. Let us pray for unborn babies in the womb and for those worried by the increasing threat of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS: *Sunday 19th June 2022 – Sunday 26th June 2022*

Sunday	Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday) THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	6.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Michael & Noreen Philpott RIP Jack Dobson RIP People of the Parish
Monday	Ferial	9.30am	Gary Ryan RIP
Tuesday	St Aloysius Gonzaga, R	7.30pm	Christine Chappelow RIP
Wednesday	Ss John Fisher, B. & Thomas More, Mm	9.30am	Kendal Family Intentions
Thursday	Nativity of St John The Baptist	9.30am	Mary Birch RIP
Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8.15am 12.00pm 12.45pm	<i>Harrytown Catholic HS Mass</i> Sonia Faure RIP Sheila Greener RIP
Saturday	The Immaculate Heart of Mary Evening Mass of following Sunday (Saturday)	9.30am 6.00pm	Peter Duff RIP People of the Parish
Sunday	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 11.00am	Sr Judith Russi – Golden Jubilee Bill Ibison RIP

THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Christine Beswick, Hillary Rustage, Kieran O'Brien, Lionel & Jenny Rawlings, Matthew Norman, Jadar Jones, Michael Christie, Wilfred Hartley, Mandy Keane, Joyce Osbourne, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Parker, Katelyn Reilly, Margaret Smith, Amy Harris, Elizabeth Brown, Bridget Robertson, Valerie Gahan, Marina Hernandez, Joshua Goddard, Eamon Curran, Pat Duggan, Ruth Grace Crosby, Howard Moore, Eileen Bush, Pat Stewart, Sheila Murphy, Kath Longden, Michael Sainsbury, Kathleen Zwierink, Moira McNeill, John Bardsley, Isaac Saed Iqbal, Simon Wright, Margaret Schofield, Margaret Wooliscroft, Winifred Corrigan, Mark Sorrell, Rory Ireland, Samuel Minnis, Brian Murphy, Helen Bridge. We commend them to the prayers of Our Lady & St Christopher.

ANNIVERSARIES Please remember to pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Martin Loftus, Sr Mary Frances, Sheila Carroll, Mary Birch, Garry Loebell, Jayne Bruce, Patrick Nawn, Mary McFarlane, Anthony Wardle, Patrick Lyons, Mary Birch, Michael Markin, Mildred Lumsden, Angela Bradwell, Michael Philpott, Mary Bissit, Margaret Currie, Kathleen Dinan, Winifred Skeer, Mary O'Byrne.

PARISH LIVE STREAM Please go to www.churchservices.tv/romiley

SUNDAY READINGS for the Body & Blood of Christ: Genesis 14: 18-20, 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26, Luke 9: 11-17.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm, Sunday 10.20am – 10.45am. Please allow one minute after the previous penitent has left before entering the confessional.

XAVERIAN APPEAL There will be an appeal at all the Masses next weekend on behalf of Xaverian Missionary Congregation. Please see poster in porch. Fr John Convery will make the appeal and we look forward to welcoming him to the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Inman and Julio Maya who were married with Nuptial Mass at Our Lady & St Christopher's on Friday. May God grant them a long and happy life together.

GOING FORTH MASS The Year 3 children from Christopher's Primary School who made their First Holy Communion earlier this year will join us on Thursday along with children from other classes at the 9.30am Mass in church.

THE REQUIEM MASS for Mgr Christopher Lightbound will take place at Christ the King Church, Bromborough, Wirral, on Thursday at 12.30pm and will be live streamed at https://youtu.be/U2_nFVbh8yw Mgr Christopher was an assistant priest at Our Lady & St Christopher's from 1969 – 1970.

THE REQUIEM MASS for Joan Donald will take place at Our Lady & St Christopher's on Monday 4th July at 11.30am.

LADIES GUILD Quiz in the St Christopher Centre on Thursday at 7.30pm. All welcome.

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME – TASTER SESSION In September we will be launching the Sycamore Programme in the Parish. Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. If you would like to know more about Sycamore please come along to a taster session that is being held on **Wednesday 6th July at 7.00pm in The St Christopher Centre.**

UKRAINIAN VIGIL There will be a vigil for Ukraine at St Peter's Square, Stockport, on Wednesday 29th June between 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Prayer, reflection and a celebration of Ukrainian culture through dance, music and song. See poster in porch. Details also on the parish website.

MISSIO Promoters will soon deliver the Summer Impact Report and collect from the Red Boxes. I will attend Masses on 26th June to collect monies donated. Please contact me with any queries. Many thanks. Kathleen Walker 0161 317 7785.

DAY OF REFLECTION – ST CHRISTOPHER CENTRE On Saturday 25th June there will be a day of reflection on the progress being made with preparations for the International Synod of Bishops in 2023. The day will begin with Mass at 10.00am, followed by the opportunity to consider in more detail the Diocesan Synodal Report and the letter from Bishop Mark on his discernment thus far. Following the recommendation of the Bishop there will also be an opportunity to review the contribution of the Vatican II Constitution 'Lumen Gentium' to our understanding of the Church. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. The day will finish at 3.00pm. I hope that this will be of interest to parishioners and will help to inform the way ahead for us as a parish in responding to the Synod.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Our knitters who produce many wonderful warm hats, scarves and mittens are rather short of wool. If anybody has any spare wool or wants to donate some, please place the wool in the Wool Box at the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions. Karin Moore.

CONTACTLESS GIVING IN THE PARISH A new **Digital Collection Plate** contactless terminal has been installed near the church entrance for those who would like to make their weekly offering in this way. If you wish to use this method, simply choose the amount and tap the reader with your card or insert it if instructed to do so.

EVERGREENS - Wednesdays in the St Christopher Centre from 1.30pm - 3.30pm:

22nd June Two quizzes - one General and one about Ukraine

29th June Lesley Walker returns to entertain us with her poetry

ONLINE GIVING TO THE PARISH For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection (Planned Giving envelopes & cash) at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page to allow you to donate to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. Please go to: www.ourladyandstchristophersromiley.org.uk to see the link.

PARISH FINANCE Last Sunday's collection £669.38, CAFOD £55, Treasure Trail additional £10, Fr Michael's sponsored walk £1,410 (total). Thank you for your generosity.

WHITE ENVELOPES Please collect your new box from the table at the back of church.

FOOD BANK Thank you for your continued generous donations to the foodbank. Five crates and five large carrier bags of groceries and toiletries plus cash donations amounting to £200 (£80, £40, £30, £20, £20, £10) were delivered to St Mark's last Tuesday.

The church will be open today, Sunday and on Monday between 2.00pm – 4.00pm for your donations. Cash donations marked "Food Bank" may be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

TIMOTHY CHO, NORTH KOREAN ESCAPEE On Friday July 1st at 8pm following Adoration, Timothy Cho will be speaking at **St Peter's Church in Hazel Grove**.

Timothy Cho was born in North Korea, escaped twice, and imprisoned four times during his persevering journey to find the democratic life he cherishes today. Since arriving in the UK he has achieved a BA degree in International Relations & Politics at the University of Salford and an MA in International Relations & Security at the University of Liverpool. He joined Fiona Bruce MP (Prime Minister's special envoy for freedom of religion) as an aide in 2018-19. He currently works as an Inquiry Clerk to the UK All-Party Parliamentary Group on North Korea. He has stood as a local election candidate in the last two

elections. St Peter's praise and worship band will lead us in song and we expect to finish at 9.30pm for refreshments in the meeting room. All are very welcome.

FOOTSTEPS EVENT HAPPENING SOON Do come on **TUESDAY 5 JULY** at **8pm** to **St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA** to hear **Fr Chris Thomas** reflect on the radical nature of God's love for us and then our love as disciples and what that might mean. The author of ten books and a gifted speaker, Fr Chris has been described as "a very gentle man who has a deep relationship with the Lord which he shares in various ways: interesting, humorous, challenging, comforting." Footsteps is a series of talks by people who can help us on our Christian journey. There's an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. You'd be most welcome!

MARRIAGE CARE If you are going through difficulties in your relationship, Stockport Marriage Care can offer a confidential counselling service. Marriage Care is still here for you and is at the end of the phone if you need help. You can contact them on 0800 3893801.

JOB VACANCIES Vacancies have arisen at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant and a Caretaker. Further details can be found on our website.

<http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/education-department-vacancies>

THE SISTERS OF EVRON are looking for a **House Coordinator** to coordinate the administrative, care and household duties involved in the running of their community house for Senior Sisters in Stockport. For job description and further details apply to: Sister Phyllis Hughes, St Bede's Presbytery, 25 Church Lane, Weaverham, Cheshire CW8 3NP or philevron@yahoo.co.uk Closing date for applications 30th June 2022



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